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PATENT APPLICATION

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Appln. No.: 09/163,402)	
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Filed: September 30, 1998)	
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For: GAS LASER DEVICE AND)	
EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING	:	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application, Publication No. 03-295285 shows a gas laser device in which the number of revolutions of a turbo blower high-frequency motor is changed between a base discharge period and a maximum output period.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application, Publication Nos. JP 02-013769, JP02-069785, JP04-057077 and Japanese Utility Model Application No. 62-109634 and 64-015249 disclose a cooling system in which the number of revolutions of a revolving

member is slowed down or stopped during a stand-by state while taking into account the lifetime of the blower fan bearing.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application, Publication Nos. JP63-086587, JP02-294013 (U.S. Patent 5,383,217), and JP06-140695 (U.S. Patent 5,463,650) disclose exposure apparatus having an exposure state and a non-exposure state.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application, Publication Nos. JP62-281484 and JP62-026881 disclose a laser oscillation device having laser gas circulation means including a blower for cooling the laser gas.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application, Publication Nos. JP04-022181, JP03-046787 and JP03-070426 and Japanese Utility Model Application No. UM63-070081 disclose apparatus in which any abnormality of the number of revolutions of a blower or a fan is detected by use of detecting means to detect the number of revolutions of the blower or the fan to stop the operation of the blower or the fan.

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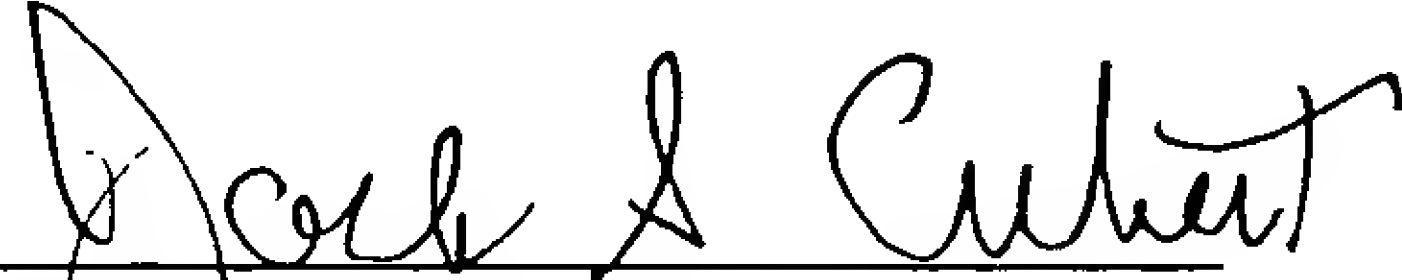
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

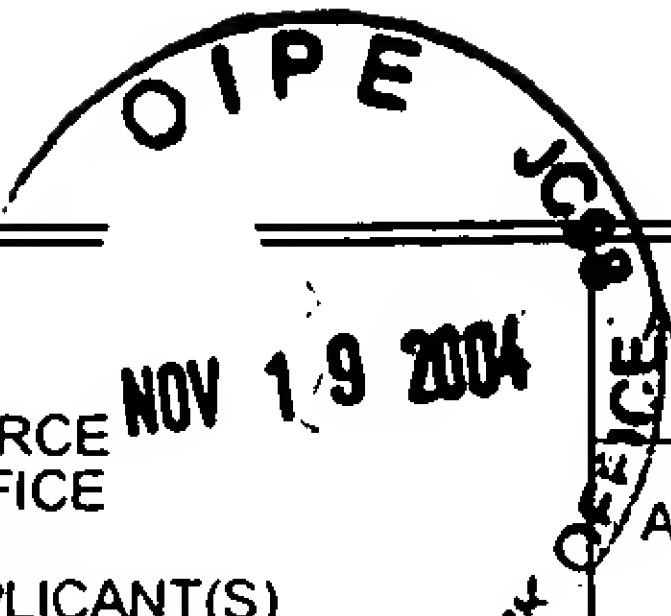
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	5,383,217	1/17/1995	Uemura	372	58		
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Japanese Official Action (Notice of Reason for Rejection) dated June 18, 2002, plus excerpt English translation.
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